

Middleton's Remote Learning Provision

What is the school offering for remote learning?

For whole class closures

- In order to ensure that your child has access to a broad and balanced, high-quality curriculum, your child will be expected to attend 3-4 online lessons a day via secure Microsoft Teams links.
- Attendance for these lessons is mandatory as will be submitting work completed.
- There will be a daily live maths and a daily live English lesson. There will be an additional daily live lesson which will be a non-core subject.
- Each live lesson will run for approximately 45 minutes.
- There may be follow up tasks to complete following the live part of each lesson.
- The timings of each lesson will be communicated clearly to parents as soon as the period of remote learning commences.

For individual pupils self-isolating because of a positive covid-19 test

- A daily maths, English and non-core lesson, along with any resources, will be e-mailed to parents the morning of each day of self-isolation.

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child?

- We expect that remote education [including remote teaching, independent work and reading practice] will take pupils broadly the following number of hours.
- **Reception & KS1** – 3 hours per day
- **KS2** – 4 hours per day

How do I access a Microsoft Teams lesson?

- You will be sent a Microsoft Teams link for the year group your child is in. Each live lesson will take place on that link.
- Please see the school website for a guide on how to download Teams if you don't already have it installed on your device.
- When you click on the link, you are prompted to put in a name – please put in your child's first name/surname and their class.
- After submitting a name, you will be admitted to a waiting lobby. When the teacher is ready to start the lesson, they will admit your child in to the lesson.
- Please ensure the camera turned on but the microphone turned off. There will be times when your child needs to turn the microphone on to participate in the lesson – they will be prompted to do this by the teacher.

What resources will my child need/ how am I involved as a parent?

- Please ensure your child has a set space to work from, is appropriately dressed and has paper and a pencil ready to work on if the teacher asks them to (or a whiteboard/pen if you have one).
- We recommend that an adult is on hand during the lessons to support with any technical issues; however, we kindly ask that you do not interrupt the lesson and stay out of view (unless you need to support your child with their understanding). We also respectfully ask that all adults are appropriately dressed if they are to appear in the background at all. **We do not expect adults to have to sit with their children at all times** and we anticipate that the level of support your child may need will diminish the more confident they become with the technology.
- Due to the number of pupils taking part, it will not be possible for the teacher to see individual pupils and so you may need to support your child with their understanding of the lesson and to ensure they stay focussed.
- If you have any queries once the lesson has been completed, or there are some misconceptions that you have spotted in your child's understanding, **please email these to office@middletonschool.org**. These will then be passed on to your child's class teacher.

How will the lesson be delivered/ what are the behaviour expectations?

- Teachers will endeavour to make their lessons fun and engaging. In the normal classroom environment, teachers are highly skilled at supporting pupils from all abilities through their use of questioning, timely support and differentiated activities. However, as we are sure you can appreciate, trying to teach via a laptop is more challenging. Therefore, during these lessons, teachers will pitch the lesson at the level of an 'expected' child for the year (or the set they are working in). If you find that the work is either too challenging or your child is completing work quickly, please do let your teacher know via the email system. We will endeavour to offer some practical solutions to support you in these instances.
- Once the teacher has completed their input, the children will be asked to complete an activity independently which will last roughly 20-30 minutes.
- Pupils should be encouraged to go to the toilet in their breaks, rather than have to miss part of a live lesson.

What happens to the recording of the lesson?

- The live lessons will not be recorded. If your child misses a live lesson, the main resources/PPT used during the lesson will be uploaded to the school website.

How will the work be marked?

- Any work that needs marking will need to be submitted via Purple Mash (please see instructions on how to do this on the school website).
- Teachers will provide feedback which explains what they have done well and any targets to help move their learning forward via Purple Mash.
- Please allow up to 2 days for each piece of work to be marked.
- Some work (such as spellings/arithmetic quizzes) may be marked by the children

themselves during the live lesson.

What if I don't have access to a device for my child to take part in live lessons/ what if I have more than one child and as the lessons are at the same time, they can't both use the computer at the same time?

- **Please email the school urgently if you do not have enough devices for your children to take part in the live lessons.** We will endeavour to loan out school laptops so that all children are able to take part. It is helpful if you can let us know this ahead of time, so that we can be prepared.

What will happen if my child does not attend the live Teams sessions regularly or does not submit the required work?

- Attendance for all live lessons is mandatory. Attendance is taken for every live lesson and collected by the Head teacher weekly.
- If your child is ill and cannot attend the live lessons, please contact the school office to report this absence as you would if your child couldn't attend a usual school day.
- Pupils who miss more than one session a week will be contacted by the Head teacher via email with a reminder about the importance of regular attendance. If subsequent sessions are missed with no explanation, then follow-up phone calls will take place.
- If work is not regularly submitted, then you will be emailed a reminder about the importance of submitting work for staff to mark and track progress.

What if my child is ill?

- If your child is ill and cannot attend the live lessons, please contact the school office to report this absence as you would if your child couldn't attend a usual school day.

What if my child is self-isolating due to a family member having a positive test result?

- From March 2022, children no longer need to self-isolate just because a family member has tested positive, provided the child is testing negative.

And finally...

- Please bear with us! Remote Learning is still relatively new for all of us and we have had to learn very quickly a new way of teaching unlike anything we have ever experienced! We very much anticipate that for the first week at least of any period of remote learning, it will be a steep learning curve for all of us and will look forward to your continued support and appreciate your patience.